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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: FINAL COMMUNIQUE

1. SET FORTH BELOW IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE  
ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 10-12 EURO-ARAB  
DIALOGUE GENERAL COMMISSION MEETING IN TUNIS.

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FINAL COMMUNIQUE

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1. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE HELD ITS  
SECOND SESSION IN TUNIS FROM 10 - 12 FEBRUARY, 1977. THE

MEETING WAS OPENED BY H.E. MR. HABIB EL CHATTY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF TUNISIA AND PRESIDENT-IN-OFFICE OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES. HE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE.

2. IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS EURO-ARAB MEETING, H.E. THE PRIME MINISTER OF TUNISIA RECEIVED THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE TWO DELEGATIONS.

3. BOTH SIDES DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE HOSPITALITY AND WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO THEM BY THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AND ALL THE EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING.

4. BOTH SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE POSITIVE SPIRIT, THE OBJECTIVITY AND FRANKNESS CHARACTERIZING THIS MEETING, WHICH THEY ARE AGREED HAS SUCCEEDED IN CEMENTING THE IDEA OF THE DIALOGUE, STRENGTHENING ITS FOUNDATIONS AND PROCEDURES AND BETTER ACQUAINTING BOTH SIDES WITH THE AREAS OF JOINT COOPERATION. THE MEETING EMBODIED THE JOINT POLITICAL WILL OF BOTH SIDES AS UNDERLINED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP AT THEIR MEETING IN LONDON ON JANUARY 31 AND THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THEIR CAIRO MEETING ON JANUARY 15.

5. THIS MEETING PROVIDED BOTH SIDES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY  
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TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ALL ASPECTS OF EURO-ARAB COOPERATION, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL. BOTH SIDES EXAMINED CAREFULLY EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS AND CONSIDERED EXTENSIVELY A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TOPICS RELATED TO THESE ASPECTS OF THEIR COOPERATION.

6. BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THEIR GREAT CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPEAN AND WORLD SECURITY. THEY EXPRESSED FULL AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE PERSISTENCE OF THE CURRENT STALEMATE AND OF THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

7. BOTH SIDES EXPLAINED THEIR VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE. THEY NOTED WITH GREAT INTEREST THE STATEMENTS MADE BY EACH OTHER IN THIS RESPECT. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE BASED ON THE RECOGNITION

OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

8. THE EUROPEAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS CONVICTION THAT THE PRINCIPLES INCLUDED IN THE DECLARATION OF 6 NOVEMBER 1973, AS ELABORATED SINCE THEN IN STATEMENTS MADE BY THE NINE, NOTABLY ON THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, CONSTITUTE THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT AND THAT THESE PRINCIPLES MUST BE TAKEN AS A WHOLE. THE EUROPEAN SIDE RESTATED ITS VIEW THAT A SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO GIVE EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION TO ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY IS TRANSLATED INTO FACT.

9. THE EUROPEAN SIDE REITERATED THE CONCERN OF THE NINE OVER THE CONTINUED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORIES SINCE 1967. THEY MAINTAINED THAT THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION WAS APPLICABLE TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND OPPOSED THE POLICY OF ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS THERE, WHICH COULD ONLY PREJUDICE THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE. THEY WERE ALSO OPPOSED TO ANY MOVES TO ALTER UNILATERALLY THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM. THE ARAB SIDE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION OF THIS ATTITUDE.

10. THE EUROPEAN SIDE WELCOMED THE IMPROVED SITUATION IN LEBANON AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE ARAB SIDE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THIS POSITION, WHICH IS IN ACCORD WITH THE JOINT ARAB WILL TO RECONSTRUCT AN INDEPENDENT UNIFIED LEBANON.

11. THE EUROPEAN SIDE TOOK NOTE OF THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY THE ARAB SIDE TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. THE EUROPEAN SIDE UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL WITH DUE ATTENTION.

12. THE THIRD MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN PRINCIPLE IN SEPTEMBER.

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THE GENERAL COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY THE VARIOUS WORKING COMMITTEES AND SPECIALISED  
GROUPS SINCE ITS LAST MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG ON  
THE BASIS OF REPORTS PRESENTED TO IT BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN  
OF THE WORKING COMMITTEES. IT NOTES THAT SATISFACTORY  
PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS OF  
COOPERATION.

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THE GENERAL COMMITTEE DEVOTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
TO THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ON WHICH IT ESTABLISHED  
GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE WORK OF THE EXPERTS.

A. FINANCING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DIALOGUE  
THE GENERAL COMMITTEE DECIDES TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC

GROUP WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKING OUT THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH THE ARAB SIDE PLEDGED ITSELF TO MAKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 3536 OF 15 JANUARY 1977 ADOPTED BY THE ARAB MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AND OF A CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE EUROPEAN SIDE ALSO PLEDGED ITSELF TO MAKE WITH A VIEW TO FINANCING PRELIMINARY AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE DIALOGUE. THIS GROUP WILL SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AND TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION BY 31 JULY 1977 AT THE LATEST. THIS REPORT WILL BE EXAMINED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.

B. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

1. THE EUROPEAN SIDE CIRCULATED A MEMORANDUM SETTING OUT THEIR INITIAL IDEAS IN THE FIELD OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING THE ELEMENTS WHICH THE EUROPEAN SIDE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL FOR THE STRATEGY IN THIS AREA AND THE SETTING UP OF A EURO-ARAB CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS SUGGESTED BY BOTH SIDES.

2. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH SUCH A CENTRE.

3. IT APPROVED THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC GROUP WITH THE FOLLOWING MANDATE:  
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-- ELABORATION OF A DRAFT FOR A JOINT DECLARATION ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES;  
-- ELABORATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EURO-ARAB CENTRE FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

4. THE AD HOC GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED ON THE ARAB SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS AND EXPERTS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AND ON THE EUROPEAN SIDE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIALISATION WORKING COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS AND EXPERTS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

5. THE GROUP WILL SUBMIT ITS CONCLUSIONS IN A REPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AND TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION BY 31 JULY 1977 AT THE LATEST. THIS REPORT WILL BE EXAMINED AT

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.

6. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE APPROVED THE CONTINUATION  
OF THE DIALOGUE WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THE VIEWPOINTS  
ON THE SUBJECT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY CLOSER  
TOGETHER.

C. COMMERCIAL COOPERATION

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE EXAMINED THE WORK DONE BY THE  
WORKING COMMITTEE ON TRADE. IT NOTED THAT THE ARAB  
SIDE HAD REITERATED ITS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL  
AND PREFERENTIAL RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH  
THE CONCLUSION OF A COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT EMBRACING ALL  
THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

WHILE AGREEING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING AND  
DIVERSIFYING THE EXPORTS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES FOR THE  
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DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATTER, THE EUROPEAN SIDE CONTINUES  
TO BELIEVE THAT THE EXISTING INSTRUMENTS OF THE COM-  
MUNITY'S COMMERCIAL POLICY ARE CAPABLE OF SOLVING THE  
SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. IT CONFIRMED ITS RESOLVE TO REIN-  
FORCE COMMERCIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.  
THE GENERAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE WORKING  
COMMITTEE CONTINUE ITS WORK WITH A VIEW TO FINDING  
SOLUTIONS THAT ARE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.  
THE EUROPEAN SIDE NOTED THAT THE ARAB SIDE IS REQUEST-  
ING THE SETTING UP OF A "EURO-ARAB TRADE COOPERATION CENTRE".  
IT IS PREPARED TO EXAMINE THE SPECIFIC TERMS  
OF SUCH A PROJECT ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION AND  
CLARIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY THE ARAB SIDE, ESPECIALLY  
AS REGARDS THE AIMS AND OPERATIONS OF SUCH A CENTRE  
AND PARTICULARLY ITS FINANCING.

D. PROTECTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO CONCLUSIONS TO BE  
REACHED BY THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL COOPER-  
ATION:

1. THE REQUESTS THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL  
COOPERATION:

(I) TO SUPPLY IT WITH A SUMMARY OF THE PRO-  
VISIONS LAID DOWN BY LAW OR REGULATION ON  
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN FORCE IN THE ARAB AND  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES;

(II) TO SUBMIT TO IT A PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION  
CONCERNING THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS  
INFORMATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE INVESTORS OF  
BOTH SIDES WITH THE PRACTICAL INFORMATION

THEY MAY REQUIRE.

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2. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE REQUESTED THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCIAL COOPERATION TO SUBMIT TO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
PROPOSALS ON THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF A MULTILATERAL EURO-ARAB  
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF INVESTMENT. THIS CONVENTION  
WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO EXISTING AND FUTURE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS  
BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE ARAB LEAGUE,  
IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE ANY MORE  
RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS IN THOSE AGREEMENTS. THE SUB-GROUP ON  
INVESTMENT PROTECTION SHOULD CONSIDER A WIDE DEFINITION OF THE  
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TERM "INVESTMENT" TO INCLUDE PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS, SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AND MONETARY CLAIMS, ETC.

3. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTED THAT MONETARY RISKS REPRESENTED A MAJOR PROBLEM FACING ARAB ASSETS IN THE EEC. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL COOPERATION CONTINUE CONSULTATION ABOUT POSSIBLE MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN IN THIS RESPECT.

#### E. LABOUR

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, HAVING NOTED THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE TWO SIDES TO IMPLEMENT THAT WHICH APPEARS IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING, RECOMMENDS THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO:

(A) SPECIFY THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS;

(B) PROMOTE COOPERATION IN RESPECT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING;

(C) CARRY OUT AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON OTHER SOCIAL MATTERS.

#### F. AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

- NOTES THE PROGRESSIVE AND POSITIVE RESULTS SO FAR ACHIEVED BOTH WITHIN THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND BY THE SPECIALISED GROUP FOR THE JUBA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

- CALLS ON THE WORKING COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO STUDY AS A MATTER OF URGENCY THE PROPOSALS OF THE SPECIALISED GROUP FOR THE JUBA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND,  
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ASSUMING THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE AGREES ON THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE REQUISITE STUDIES FOR THIS PROJECT, EMPOWERS THE TWO CO-PRESIDENCIES - AS A PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT PROCEDURES - TO RECOMMEND THE RELEASE OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THESE STUDIES, SUBJECT TO THEIR AVAILABILITY.

- NOTES THAT THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO SUBMIT ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION IN RESPECT OF THE DAMAZINE MEAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY 1.3.77 AND IN RESPECT OF THE SOUTH DARFUR



INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY 15.3.77.

- URGES THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO CONVENE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE SPECIALISED GROUPS WHICH WILL STUDY THE IRAQ POTATO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE SOUTH DARFUR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND THE DAMAZINE MEAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

#### G. GENERAL TERMS OF CONTRACTS

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE INVITES THE WORKING COMMISSION FOR INDUSTRY TO DEFINE AND SUBMIT PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAWING-UP, SIGNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTS. THESE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES MUST ENABLE STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS TO BE WORKED OUT WHICH CAN ACT AS A REFERENCE FOR THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

#### H. CULTURAL COOPERATION

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, HAVING NOTED THE ACTION ALREADY BEING TAKEN IN THE CULTURAL FIELD, REQUESTS THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

1. TO COMPILE THE CATALOGUE OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RELEVANT SPECIALIZED GROUP;

2. TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF HISTORY BOOKS IN THE TWO  
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REGIONS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CIVILIZATION AND HISTORY OF THE TWO REGIONS;

3. TO DRAW UP A PROGRAMME FOR INCREASING COOPERATION IN THE INFORMATION FIELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORKING PAPER EXAMINED AT THE TUNIS MEETING (OCTOBER 1976).  
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